Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 2, 14, 15, 21, and 27 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a selection of properties for an electronic document associated with an application program having a user interface, comprising the steps of:

determining a context for the electronic document;

determining a status of a property for the electronic document; and

based upon the context of the electronic document and the status of the property,

creating a customized palette for the user interface so that the palette comprises a control only for an available property for the electronic document and excludes controls for unavailable properties for the electronic document; and

displaying the palette in conjunction with the electronic document on the user interface such that said palette and an activated associated content of the palette do not obscure viewing of said electronic document, wherein the displayed palette excludes displayed controls for the unavailable properties for the electronic document.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining a change in the status of the property or the context of the electronic document; and

based upon the change of the property or the change in context of the electronic document,

modifying the palette to reflect the change in the property or the change in the context of the electronic document, wherein the modified palette includes a control only for an available property for the electronic document and excludes controls for unavailable properties for the electronic document; and

replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified palette is displayed in conjunction with the electronic document on the user interface, wherein the displayed modified palette excludes displayed controls for the unavailable properties for the electronic document.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously viewed.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the step of:

sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously viewed.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

coordinating the palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the predefined interface provide consistent control features; and

displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the palette and the electronic document.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

coordinating the modified palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the predefined interface provide consistent control features; and

displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the modified palette and the electronic document.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the context of the electronic document consists of at least one of the following: textual content, formatting content, or graphical content.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the property consists of one of the following: a formatting command, an application program command, or an electronic document characteristic.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a graphical user interface for an application program.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a floating palette.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a property browser palette window.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the predefined interface comprises a toolbar.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein the predefined interface comprises a toolbar.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer system for providing a selection of formatting properties for an electronic document associated with an application program having a user interface comprising:

a memory for storing a property browser program module; and

a processing unit functionally coupled to the memory for executing computer-executable instructions operable for:

determining <u>formatting properties</u> ~~a formatting property~~ for an electronic document associated with the application program, wherein <u>a formatting</u> <u>property has an associated control;</u> ~~the formatting property has at least one control;~~

determining a context for the electronic document;

creating a customized palette <u>based upon the formatting</u> <u>properties and the context of the electronic document, wherein the customized palette</u> <u>includes controls only for formatting properties that are available to a user and excludes</u> <u>controls for formatting properties that are not available to a user; and</u> ~~with the~~

~~formatting property including at least one control and further based upon the context of the electronic document; and~~

sending the palette to a user interface associated with the application program for display adjacent to a viewing content area occupied by the electronic document, such that the palette and an activated associated content of the palette do not obscure any portion of the viewing content area occupied by the electronic document regardless of whether the electronic document occupies all portions of the viewing content area, wherein the displayed palette excludes displayed controls for the unavailable formatting properties for the electronic document.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is further operable for:

determining a change in the status of ~~the~~ a formatting property or the context of the electronic document; and

based upon the change of the formatting property or the context of the electronic document,

modifying the palette to reflect the change in the formatting property or the change in the context of the electronic document, wherein the modified palette includes controls only for formatting properties that are available to a user and excludes controls for formatting properties that are not available to a user; and

replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified palette is displayed in conjunction with the electronic document on the user interface, wherein the displayed modified palette excludes displayed controls for the unavailable formatting properties for the electronic document.

16. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is further operable for:

> sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously viewed.

17. (Original) The computer system of Claim 15, wherein the processing unit is further operable for:

> sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously viewed.

18. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is further operable for:

> coordinating the palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the predefined interface provide consistent control features; and

> displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the palette and the electronic document.

19. (Original) The computer system of Claim 15, wherein the processing unit is further operable for:

> coordinating the modified palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the predefined interface provide consistent control features; and

displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the modified palette and the electronic document.

20. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the context of the electronic document consists of at least one of the following: textual content, formatting content, or graphical content.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein ~~the~~ a formatting property consists of one of the following: a formatting command, an application program command, or an electronic document characteristic.

22. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface comprises a graphical user interface for an application program.

23. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface comprises a floating palette.

24. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface comprises a property browser palette window.

25. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the predefined interface comprises a toolbar.

26. (Original) The computer system of Claim 19, wherein the predefined interface comprises a toolbar.

27. (Currently Amended) A computer system for providing a selection of formatting properties for an electronic document associated with an application program having a user interface comprising:

a memory for storing a property browser program module; and

a processing unit functionally coupled to the memory, for executing computer-executable instructions operable for:

determining <u>formatting properties</u> ~~a formatting property~~ for an electronic document associated with the application program, wherein <u>a formatting property has an associated control;</u> ~~the formatting property has at least one control;~~

determining a context for the electronic document;

creating a customized palette <u>based upon the formatting properties and the context of the electronic document, wherein the customized palette includes controls only for formatting properties that are available to a user and excludes controls for formatting properties that are not available to a user;</u> ~~with the formatting property including at least one control and further based upon the context of the electronic document;~~

sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously viewed;

sending the palette to a user interface associated with the application program, wherein the displayed palette at the user interface excludes displayed controls for the unavailable formatting properties for the electronic document;

determining a change in the status of the formatting property or the context of the electronic document; and

based upon the change of the formatting property or the context of the electronic document,

modifying the palette to reflect the change in the formatting property or the change in the context of the electronic document, wherein the modified palette includes controls only for formatting properties that are available to a user and excludes controls for formatting properties that are not available to a user;

sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously viewed; and

replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified palette is displayed adjacent to a viewing content area occupied by the electronic document on the user interface, said modified palette being displayed such that the modified palette and an activated associated content of the modified palette do not obscure any portion of the viewing content area occupied by said electronic document regardless of whether the electronic document occupies all portions of the viewing content area, wherein the displayed modified palette excludes displayed controls for the unavailable formatting properties for the electronic document.